Production of Life Saving Drugs by M/s. Glaxo

914. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2100 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether M/s. Glaxo is licenced to produce streptomycin;

(b) if so, the licenced capacity and the reasons for non-production of streptomycin;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no shortage of streptomycin bulk drug in the country;

(d) what are the reasons for non-production of tablets and syrups based on streptomycin and negligible production of seras and vaccines by this company;

(e) whether Government are aware of the fact that M/s. Glaxo has deliberately reduced their production of life-saving vaccines, T. B. Injections and Antibiotic vials and on the other hand increased the production of vitamins and non-essential formulations for above the licenced capacity; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to dissuade the company from adopting such practice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) M/s. Glaxo is not licensed to produce Streptomycin bulk drug.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) The production of any product depends on its demand and corporate plans of the company. The companies produce formulation tailored to the market demand. No specific instances of shortage of these products have been reported and therapeutic equivalents produced by various other manufactures are adequately available.

Price of Ranitidine tablets

915. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price fixed for Ranitidine tablets;

(b) whether it is a fact that Zinetech tablets are being sold at a very high price;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the company producing these drugs is charging more than 500 per cent mark up whereas the maximum mark up allowed under drugs price control order is 100 per cent; and

(d) if so, how such a high price has been allowed for this product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Price of Ranitidine Tablets has not been fixed under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(b) and (c) M/s. Biotech Pharma who are the manufacturers of Zinetac Tablets are exempt from price control under he Drugs (Price Control) Order, 1979 as their sales turn over during the last accounting year was less than 50 lakhs.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) and (c).

Prices being charged by M/s. Warner Hindustan

916. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2104 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s.

Warner Hindustan Company is marketing non-leader packs of categories I and II at their own prices as well as marketing under exempted category; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) M/s. Warner Hindustan Limited are now manufacturing Category I and II formulations only at the prices fixed by the Government under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979. No Category I and II formulation is now being treated as price exempted formulation by the Company.

Per unit cost of energy

917. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the generation cost per unit of atomic energy in the country; and

(b) the cost of one unit of energy being generated by conventional sources like hydel, power, coal etc.?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The prevailing selling prices of power to State Electricity Boards from Nuclear Power Stations from 35 paise to 42 paise per unit.

(b) The average cost of generation of hydro and coal based thermal stations in respect of 15 major State Electricity Boards for the year 1983-84 is as given below:—

S.No.	State Electricity Boards	Cost of Generation (Paise per unit)	
		Thermal	Hydro
1	Andhra Pradesh	35.55	8.03
2	Bihar	48.01	33.12
3	Gujarat	39.17	6.56
4	Haryana	81.94	8.22
5	Himachal Pradesh	—	6.01
6	Karnataka	—	15.34
7	Kerala	—	8.15
8	Madhya Pradesh	31.57	8.96
9	Maharashtra	40.37	5.84
10	Orissa	30.56	6.23
11	Punjab	50.93	5.82
12	Rajasthan	36.43	8.51
13	Tamil Nadu	70.54	15.68
14	Uttar Pradesh	56.24	17.40
15	West Bengal	41.39	37.50